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Enclosed are the following documents regarding the above-identified patent application:

1. Response to September 23, 2003 advisory action;
2. This transmittal in duplicate; and
3. Return postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the papers submitted herewith or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

Respectfully submitted,

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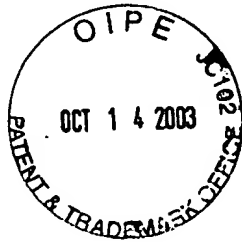
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In response to the Advisory Action mailed on September 23, 2003, please cancel the rejected claims 4, 8-11, 15-16 and 19-27. Claims 1-3, 12-14 and 17-18 have already been allowed.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all the claims in this application are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers provided below if further consideration is required. Also, Deposit Account No. 08-1394 may be used for any over or under payments.

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